GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3616
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GROWTH RATE IN NINTH PLAN OF PRODUCTION OF GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to arrest the short fall and achieve the targeted growth rate in the remaining period of Ninth Five Year Plan in respect of production of Gas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have adopted any liberalised policy for allocation of CNG for industrial use under Pollution Control Policy, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3616 for answer on 16.8.2001 regarding growth rate in Ninth Plan of Production of Gas.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Several steps have been taken to increase oil and gas production in the country, which include :

(i) To improve the recovery factor from existing major fields by implementing Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) schemes; in particular Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has taken up 15 fields for this purpose at an estimatec investment of Rs. 10,000 crore, which would also help in accelerating oil production from these fields.

(ii) To increase exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP)Under the first round of NELP, Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) have been signed for 24 blocks in which works are in progress.Additionally, under the second round of NELP, PSCs have been signed on 17.7.2001 for 23 blocks.

(iii) To attract technology and investment; PSCs for 9 discovered fields, 8 in Gujarat and 1 in Assam, were signed on 23.2.2001 with consortia of Indian and foreign companies.

(iv) To explore in new areas, especially in deep water and difficult frontier areas, as also explore in the deeper layers of the producing fields.

(v) To develop faster the newly discovered fields and to step up the use of new technologies for seismic surveys, work over, stimulation operations, drilling of wells etc. in producing areas.

(c) &(d): The allocation of natural gas is made to various consumers including the Power, Chemicals, Fertilizers and Steel Sectors, as well as for supply as Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for automotive use, on the recommendations of an inter-Ministerial Committee, Gas Linkage Committee(GLC), keeping in view the merits of the case and availability of gas.